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I wholeheartedly support the settlement as currently negotiated with the DOJ. I believe that both parties have made concessions and the settlement appropriately reflects the substantially narrowed ruling as handed down by the unanimous Appeals Court. It is time to move on. The hold-out states are simply acting in the interests of Microsoft competitors based in their states and are not acting on the behalf of the consumer. It is in the interest of consumers to have this case settled and behind us all. Let innovation and competition flourish again in the tech industry without the heavy hand of government interference. Werner Baron